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*W. W. Duffield* Superintendent

State: *Va.*

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

*Hyd* Sheet No. *2397*

LOCALITY:

*Fox Islands*  
*Chesapeake Bay*

*1895*

CHIEF OF PARTY:

*W. C. Hodgkins*

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Descriptive Report  
to accompany Hyd<sup>c</sup> Sheet No 2397, of the  
Fox Islands, Virginia.

Sub-division "A"

1. The title and statistics are already on the sheet.
10. The bottom is either sand or mud.
12. This resurvey was for the special purpose of furnishing information desired by the State of Virginia. It was made at the request of the Governor of Virginia and the expenses were borne by the owners of the property.

The principal change shown is the tendency of the islands to wash away and to fill up the flats.

Sub-division "B"

1. This survey was made between May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1895. Soundings were made on 14 days. Number of miles of soundings, 104.2. Number of soundings, 11,363. Number of angles, 1936. Area in nautical sq. miles, 6.0

2. This locality is an area of flats, useful only for catching soft crabs and, to some slight extent, for oyster culture.

3. The islands are low and are almost wholly composed of soft marsh.

There is a line of sand beach along the western edge. The islands are rapidly washing away.

There is no trade and there are no steamers, though steamers touch at Crisfield, Md., the nearest town.

23. There are no settlements. At the time of the survey, there was one house near the north end, occupied by Mrs. Wm. Ellinger, the owner of the islands.

26. During cold winters the flats are often covered with ice and sometimes the sounds are frozen over.

W. C. Hodgkins  
Chief of Party.